

# Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2015 at 6:00pm

Attendees: Rick Amodei, Dave Moreau, Mark Spears, Noreen Ma, Kevin Smith, Holly Mansfield

Mosquito: Sarah Hart

Meeting began at 6:00pm

## **Minutes:**

Rick noted two items in the meeting minutes from 10/17/14. First change is on page two, the amount of Mahoney's SafeLawn quote is \$7550. Second note is on page three. The amount of \$11500 is correct for the volleyball court.

*Noreen made the motion to approve the minutes with the two above note. Dave seconded the motion. All in favor: Yes.*

## **CC at Play:**

The CC at Play group asked Recreation to be their official sponsor on the application for CPC Funds. The group is also asking the Board of Selectman to be a sponsor as well. Considering the project, it seems appropriate for Recreation to sponsor the group.

Kevin asked what the possible downside may be to sponsoring the group. If CC at Play is awarded the CPC funds, the open space/recreation funds in CPC will be depleted. This could result in putting future recreation projects on hold. There will be available funds in the "undesignated" CPC fund but the open space/recreation fund will be depleted if the funds are awarded to CC at Play.

If a town board does not sponsor the CC at Play group then the project will not meet all the criteria to apply for CPC funds and the project will not be awarded funds. If the project is awarded CPC funds then the project will be put on the town warrant for a vote.

CC at Play may have some challenges ahead of them regarding this project. The group may have a hard time convincing Carlisle residents to give Concord money. This is a 2.8 million dollar project. The project is being supported by private donations and town funds. CC at Play is applying for \$400,000 from CPC funds.

Carlisle did not allocate any funds for the Concord turf field project two years ago so they are now looking to Carlisle for support on this project. If recreation sponsors this project then it may affect all future projects such as the expansion of Banta Davis and/or new tennis courts. However, having a possible future project is not a reason to hold back if this project is worthy of support.

*Mark made the motion to support CC at Play. Kevin seconded the motion. All in favor: Yes.*

## **CPC Funds for Benfield:**

CPC asked Rick if recreation would release the \$25,000 back to CPC funds. This money has been available to recreation to build a field on the Benfield property. However, due to the location of the field as well as spotted salamanders found on the land it is not a logical location to build a field.

It might be worth it for recreation to wait to release the funds until next year after CC at Play applies for the \$400,000 for their project.

*Kevin made the motion to release the CPC funds for Benfield. Dave seconded the motion. It was voted 4 Yes, 1 No.*

#### **Request for use of 50/70 Field at Spalding:**

An outside travel baseball team has requested the use of the 50/70 baseball field at Spalding field. Peter Colletti is involved in the travel team and two players on the team are from Carlisle. The group is willing to offer funds to put towards the field in exchange for an allocated time for play. If this request is approved, what group(s) will be impacted by the scheduled use of the field?

It was discussed that a fee structure should be established for requests from outside groups. Either way, funds should be collected for the group to use the field.

It was suggested that we invite the group to the next recreation meeting to further discuss the matter.

#### **Town Report:**

Rick made various changes and additions to the 2014 town report. All are in agreement with the proposed changes and additions and the report can be submitted by the January 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.

#### **Field Update:**

The work on the 50/70 field project was halted due to the rain and then severe cold. The infield was cleared and sod was rolled out. Peter Colletti contracted directly with Jared Davis for all the work on the field.

The overseeding on the fields did not happen this year. This will now free up money to be used towards future field repair projects such as the sink hole on Spalding field, ground repair from the trucks on the field to get to the area for the construction of the boardwalk, etc.

#### **Boardwalk:**

The boardwalk connecting Spalding and Banta Davis playing fields should be complete this week or next. There was report of a resident requesting various modifications to the project. The carpenter on the project inquired about the changes, however, no changes can be made to the approved specs of the project.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was discussed as well as naming the bridge. This could be something the school may want to get involved with as the board walk is on school property and will be primarily used by school teams.

#### **Field Study:**

The field study draft should be ready for January 21, 2015. Rick and David Freedman will review the draft for any possible errors. The final draft should be ready in March 2015.

**Programs Update:**

Holly stated that the use of the Brick Building has assisted with the success of various recreation programs. The use of the Brick Building has allowed programs to begin at the end of the school day. Holly meets the children registered for classes and walks the children to meet the instructor in the Brick Building. Some of the popular programs have been science, LEGOs, art classes, pottery, fencing and much more.

In 2014, a new Kindergarten Enrichment program was added and has received rave reviews. The program takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12-3 in the Brick Building. We currently have a wait list for the program.

The winter programs are off to a slow start. Holly has met with Recreation Directors from various towns and it seems all towns have reported the same overall success and program cancellations as Carlisle.

Holly has collaborated with Acton and Littleton to offer trips. Larry Barton agreed to waive the 18% fee for trips only. This allows Carlisle the opportunity to offer trips without taking a financial loss.

The Nashoba Valley Ski/Snowboard program is underway and takes place on Friday afternoons. We have 50 participants which is our max for the program. The program is a huge success due to the help of parent volunteers.

The meeting adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_

The next meeting is scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_